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Thunderstorm Along Interstate 80/Photo: Jeff Thompson

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	1 2002: An early season snowstorm occurred in White Pine County while trees were still in full leaf resulting in a build up of snow that tore down trees and resulted in power outages up to 18 hours. A foot of snow fell in Ruth and McGill.	2 1992: A strong cold front brought strong winds to eastern Nevada. Wind gusts reached up to 65 mph.	3 1986: Earliest measurable snow on record in Kyle Canyon on Mt. Charleston with 0.4 inch.	4 1947: The high temperature in Las Vegas was 100°F, making it the latest triple digit high on record. This marked the 100th time in 1947 that temperature reached 100 degrees or higher setting an all-time record for a year.	5 1993: A widespread hail event in western Nevada. Hail up to 1 inch in diameter fell in Carson City and Reno. Hail up to 1.5 inches in diameter was reported in Virginia City.	6 1988: A F0 tornado was sighted near Rachel for about 12 minutes.
7 1964: Fallon reaches a high of 90°F.	8 1974: A tornado touched down in a restricted area of the Nevada Test Site.	9 1972: A downpour flooded neighborhoods in Las Vegas with up to three feet of water damaging homes.	10 1944: The longest dry spell in Las Vegas history ended, which lasted from July 2nd until October 10th, a total of 101 days.	11 2008: Snow flurries fell in Summerlin. This is the earliest known occurrence of snow flurries in the Las Vegas Valley.	12 1963: An early season snowstorm dropped an October record of 5.2 inches of snow in Elko and damaged nearly every tree in the city due to the weight of the snow on fully leafed trees.	13 1899: Biggest October snow on record in Reno with 6.8 inches measured.
14 1989: A F1 tornado tore the roof off a home and tossed around several cars in Henderson.	15 1966: A daily record low of 20°F was set at Lovelock.	16 1967: A daily record low of 16°F was set at Carson City.	17 2010: After years of drought and increased water demand, Lake Mead drops to its lowest level since it was first filled in 1937. The lake reached 1083.18 feet on this date.	18 1920: One inch of snow is measured in Reno.	19 1972: 13 separate funnel clouds were observed in the vicinity of Battle Mountain Airport. None of them touched the ground.	20 2004: The Nevada 24 hour state precipitation record is set at Mt. Charleston when 7.78 inches of rain fell.
21 1956: High winds blew down numerous trees, broke some windows and tore down a large tent for a craft show in Las Vegas. McCarran Airport reported a 71 mph peak wind gust.	22 2003: Laughlin reaches 103°F, latest in the year for a triple digit high in the state.	23 1953: A man was killed in Caliente by a tree limb that was torn down by the weight of heavy snow.	24 1951: 1.58 inches of precipitation at Winnemucca, greatest daily precipitation total ever recorded in any month.	25 1932: A daily record low of 12°F is recorded at Carson City.	26 1875: A wind-driven fire destroyed much of Virginia City, at the time the largest city in Nevada.	27 2004: Heavy snow overspread parts of central Nevada. 10 to 12 inches was reported in Austin.
28 1971: Coldest high temperatures ever recorded in October at Ely with 20°F, Elko at 29 °F and Winnemucca at 33 °F.	29 1946: Floods near Caliente washed out the train tracks at two points and caused re-routing of trains over the Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe tracks.	30 1996: Six to ten inches of snow fell across the northern part of Nye County.	31 2003: An early season winter storm brought heavy snow to parts of central Nevada. Snow-fall totals included 6 inches in Ruth and 4 inches in both Ely and Lund.	Spotlight On Safety: Hiking and Snow Early season snowstorms can be a hidden danger for hikers in the fall months. Often mild weather can proceed an early season snowstorm, resulting in a deceptive situation for those unaware of the forecast. If you are planning to hike in the fall, check the weather before you venture out. Let someone know of your plans. Bring supplies and clothing for colder weather with you.		